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Lake House Upton
May 24. 1870.

Friend Will:

I arrived here today and went up + saw Rich and have just returned and am nearly frozen so I hope you will excuse writing Rich is just about the funniest sort of a man it's ever been my luck to run across - He says the Warblers are coming along nicely and he said he was out in the woods Sunday and saw several kinds

One of which I should think from his description was a Blackburnian Warbler I saw a Blue-backed Yellow

Warbler coming up on the Stage and it was raining or else perhaps I might have seen more. You had better come Friday and I shall expect you then - or rather Saturday - I am going up to his Bear-trap with Rich day after tomorrow and may get something -

Yours in haste.

H B Bailey -

H. B. Bailey.
Oct 7th 1870.

Bailey Mt. Pr
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WARREN & CO.

Liverpool Steamship Office,

132 STATE STREET.

Boston, Feby 19 1872

To

Friend Will.

When I reached Home I found that my Brother had been taken very sick & as he is in the room where my eyes are. of course I could not disturb him. If he is so I can go into the room by the last of the Week will let you know

Yours truly

W B Bailey

Bailey H. B.,

Feb. 19 - '72

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LIVERPOOL AND LONDON PACKETS,

Boston, Nov 27 1872.

Friend Will.

I am much obliged for the privilege of coming out to see your collection, and will come Sunday afternoon if it does not rain - if convenient to you -

I am, Yours Truly.
H. V. D. Bailey.

Bailey H. B.
Nov. 27, '72

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

REPLY TO YOUR

MEMORANDUM

I have got both the nests. Rebel Dine 25/90

From Tom. Harry Station, to Station,

Per Train day, the day of 18

Friend Will – Joyful news so I thought I would drop you a line. After dinner went down to the river heard Traill's singing, hunted around found an old nest and finally not ten feet from there found new nest with 4 eggs (fresh –) Saw the bird plainly but to make sure went –

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up to the depot and unpacked my
trunk & got my gun & shot the female.
Quite ~~that stunning~~ - Same position as
~~Quite~~ ~~every~~ way. Did all this with the
~~the~~ thermometer at about 95 in the shade
about 150 I should think in the sun. Tell
Mr Purdie that I could not buy a box
for anything and at last bought a box
of paper collars & threw them away. He ought
to be around. If I get them home without
breaking them it will be one of the seven wonders.
we will compare when I get home.

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P. O. BOX 5190.

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5 South William St.,
NEW YORK.
P. O. BOX 3065.

GEO. WARREN & CO.,
Fenwick Chambers,
LIVERPOOL,
ENG.

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Boston, July 11 1873.

Friend Will:

I looked everywhere for Ruth Deane yesterday to ask him to take the Bitterns Eggs out to you but of course could not see him because I wanted to - I have forgotten where he works. I was going to send them by mail but they would not take them - I understood from Mr. Purdie that you could send Cigar Boxes through the mail as Book post but they said at the Post Office that I could not unless the Box was left open & then where would the Eggs be. You don't know Will how much I appreciate your letting me have the Eggs as I know you did not want to and you must have been horribly bored by my coming out & staying so long the other night but perhaps sometime I may be able to do the same for you & you may be

certain that I shall do all in my power to repay your kindness. I now hand you $5.25 which I believe makes us square except on the Bitterns eggs which I will send to you by Express which is cheaper than by mail, if I do not see Ruth in a few days. Hoping you will have splendid luck wherever you go.

I remain. Your True Friend.
Harry B Bailey

add P.O Box 5190.

Drop me a line from the Lake or wherever you go if you have time as I should be extremely pleased to hear what you are getting.

Bailey H. B.
Aug 11 - 73

Boston July 24. 1873.

Friend Will.

I thought I would drop you a line although I havent any news to tell you, but I know how nice it is to receive letters when you are up in Maine - Ruth told me you had gone to Umbagog but I dont believe you did much collecting last week if the weather was like any we had here for it poured hard all the last part of the week here - Some friends of mine who went up to Moosehead Lake camping out (the first time they had ever been) came home thoroughly disgusted with it having been drenched through for four days. I suppose you have heard the news that Mr Maynard has been heard from - shooting Puffins &c by the cart load - Just think of the shock the market will have when he gets back - Puffins will be retailing at about twenty-five cents a dozen or thereabouts. We have had scorchers the last two or three days and you can imagine how I have longed to be at Umbagog - When can I have those Terns eggs ? Before you get back or shall I wait until you return - I got a letter from a friend of mine out West today saying he had

two Blue Gray Gnatcatchers' nests for me but only two eggs. He has also got me. 25 Yellowbreasted Chats, a dozen California Quails. 10 American Swans and some others - so I have got some eggs to exchange - You haven't got all those, have you? I hope your hip won't bother you up at Umbagog as I want you to get lots of nice birds as Three-toed Woodpeckers &c. And until I see you believe in the well wishes of.

Your True Friend.
Harry B. Bailey
P.O. Box 5190.

Bailey H.B.
July 24 - 73

Boston Aug 23. 1873

Friend Will.

Having a little spare time thought I would drop you a line just to let you know that I am alive and kicking. What have you been doing lately? Getting young birds of all the rare birds I suppose. Have you found any nests and eggs this time - I didn't know but what you might get some of the second brood of Junco hyemalis as they were evidently laying about the time we left. Did you see any appearances of Pine Finch's breeding as I believe they lay late - I was hoping you might find some nests. Wouldn't they be quite a prize? It has rained (poured I call it) here for the last two weeks or so but at last today we again have a glimpse of the sun and I tell you it isn't so nice as I thought it would be as it is a regular dog-day, quite a change from the weather we have been having which has been so cool that it has driven people home from the Seashore.

I have not done much in collecting skins as I went out two or three mornings and shot a few specimens to skin in the evening but they were too far gone in the evening although kept in an ice chest. I have been out Pup Shooting twice but one morning the river was too high and most of the birds I shot went sailing down the river while the other morning it rained pitchforks and I did not see a bird. I have got a female English Sparrow that is building a nest somewhere near my house and I shall now try to find it as it is pleasant again. I am very anxious to get a rest and see how it looks. The Males are all beginning to lose their handsome plumage and I am afraid I shall have to wait until another season before getting specimens. They are flocking together over on the Back bay and wouldn't I like to get just one rake at them. I have a nest & complement of eggs of Geothylpis Philadelphia coming from a friend of mine. How's that? Got it somewhere in Canada & shot the old bird so I suppose that it can be trusted although I had much rather have got it myself. Maynard did not bring home anything rare that is of the small birds, although they were breeding on the Magdalen Islands. I was hoping he would bring home some rare Warblers & Sparrow's nests. But they will have to be left until we make our trip to the Saginay which I dont know as it will ever take place as I am thinking seriously of going out West next Spring, probably California. I went out to your house and got the Terns' eggs all right and am very much obliged to you for them and the money for them you can have any time you want it. When do you expect to come home? If you see any "Maculosa's" nests will you get one for me as I find mine are all gone. You know there is one over in the field of small spruce trees where I found all of my "coronatas". It is very near the river quite a ways in. I saw Ruth Deane's collection of eggs the other evening but I don't think it begins to compare with yours. Perdie wants me

to come out and see his soon and I expect to see a very nice one. He doesn't seem to have lost much flesh from not seeing Nina. How is that man Chase upon the hill? Has he speculated any more in eggs and has he robbed any more birds for 5¢ an egg? Has he got his price down any on his Great Blue Herons? I should like two at 25¢ each but I won't pay him any more. Hoping to hear from you or see you soon I remain

Yours Very Truly
H. B. Bailey

Bailey H. B.
Aug 23 - B

Upton Me. June 7/74

Friend Will:

I arrived up here all right and the place looks as natural as ever. I stopped at Bethel on the way and got some N. Bank Swallows eggs - stopped getting them on account of the rain. The Lake is very high - Mr Godwin says higher than he ever saw it before in the Spring - went off all day yesterday between sundry showers. I guess I am a little early for warblers west, altho' Robins have all got large young and I found several chipping Sparrow's nests with eggs which is about the same as at Newton - I heard three Wood Pewees ~~[illegible]~~ singing out back of the Lake House - and it sounded quite like home - Also when in my room (which by the way is the room you have always had) I saw a Yellow warbler out in the back yard - I shot a Yellow Bellied Wood Pecker and a couple of Cedar Birds which I made up into good skins - I also shot my usual number of Redstarts & Red eyed Vireo, mistaking ~~them~~ for something nice - I shot a Black backed three toed Woodpecker - but it fell into the Lake & I was unable to get it

I flushed a white throat sparrow off her nest just finished so I am sure of one nest unless something happens. I found a sparrows nest in a spruce! I got from the ground and took a good long look at the bird. Her throat was white and on each side black. I frightened her off and shot her but only wounded her and she flew into a brush heap and could not be found altho we looked everywhere for her. The eggs are very similar to Grace's Bunting's — 4 — and the nest made of dried grass. Isn't this my usual luck? What can you imagine the bird is? I am sure I shall know it again and I am going thro' all your sparrows till I find me — I saw a pair of Blue Yellow backs to-day evidently building a nest and shall keep good watch on them.

Cory came thro' last Sunday and has gone to Magalloway River. He sent down a box of birds to Boston, probably to — (the Yellow in Sudbury?) Russell left yesterday morning for the Middle dam having got sick of the fishing here. There was no boat here yesterday so I could not go out to the Bittern. — Three pairs of Cliff Swallows are building as usual. Don't forget to save me any Grace's extra nests you may get. Until I see you

Believe me your friend

Harry D. Bailey

Bailey H. B.
June 7-14

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H. B. BAILEY & Co.,
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CABLE ADDRESS:
"SAXONIA," NEW YORK.

51 South Street,

New York, Mch 4th 1878.

Mrs. Brewster

Dear Madam —

I thank you cordially for the P. S. (always a necessity with ladies) & anticipate a great deal of pleasure in meeting you one of these days, in which Mrs Bailey joins — New York is not such a distance from Boston but that you doubtless will take frequent runs on here, & any time you do come I shall make it a point to call on you & hope you will also come & see us —

Please excuse writing & believe me a true friend of Willie & necessarily

Yours very resp'y

Harry B. Bailey.

Bailey H. B.
March 1878

Mr. Wm. Bennett
Detroit

H. B. BAILEY & Co.,
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CABLE ADDRESS.
"SAXONIA," NEW YORK.

54 South Street,

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New York, Mch 11 1878.

Dear Will.

I am just in receipt of yours of the 23rd ult. & was very glad to hear from you - I am glad you were pleased with my poor present, but you knowing all my circumstances, know if they were different it would have been much better - I envy you the nice climate you are now in & the pleasure of being amongst those beautiful birds which also I see very seldom now, so seldom that I am afraid I have forgotten all the old familiar notes -

But business befor pleasure must be my rule for some time to come hope some day I shall have more time for the woods & less for the drudgery of business - Last summer I stayed in the City all summer, (that is for business though I lived in Jersey) - about the 20th of May I have to go to Novascotia on business where I shall try to find time to get a few of the good things found there -

I had the pleasure of a visit from Deane & Purdie last week & it seemed like old times to see the old familiar faces again & I enjoyed it very much

and judge they did also. We have had a beautiful winter here & I haven't had a sick day since I came on here - It now looks as though we should have an early Spring - Mrs Bailey has not been very well nor the Baby either but they are both much better The former wishes to be kindly remembered to you. The baby will make a young Ornithologist if he keeps on for none but animals & Bird pictures have any attraction for him - I regret to hear of your lameness which I knew nothing of until the "Boys" were on here (your own fault for you never wrote me since leaving Boston) & I only hope you will steadily improve which I am sure will be the case with a wife for they work wonders with us.

I presume you have got many good things the past year & should like to see them so hope you will be home when I go through Mass the middle of May

& with the best & kindest of wishes for you & yours I am as ever

Your trulfriend

Harry

I know you will excuse writing so here I tell you I am so busy have very little time for private letters.

Baily, H. B.
June 17, 1878

I must say that I am pained, deeply pained, to see that for such a paltry bribe as a Swainson's Warbler you will permit yourself to be drawn into advertising any patent right process. I may as well anticipate your future action in this matter and say right here that no proposition of yours to the effect that for the small sum of twenty five dollars this valuable secret will be imparted etc will be entertained for a moment. No sir! Consider yourself checkmated, and take warning in time. I am too old a bird for such confidence games. Please remember me very kindly to Mrs B. & receive assurances of my distinguished consideration.

P. O. Lock Box 93.

Office on the 1st floor of Mason's Claim & Mining Journal, Denver, Colo.

Yours truly
Oliver M. Lt. Stone
Corresponding Secretary.

P. S. I am aware that you have laid aside a superb pair of those ultras for the whole Express you had better retain them till I come on.

United States Engineer Office,
Geographical Surveys West of the 100th Meridian,

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Washington, D. C., June 17th, 1878

Dear Will

Both yours at hand. After such experiments with the Sturtevant as I was able to make in the store I came to precisely the opinion you express. I find that 1/2 drachms of powder cover the anvil and this is a smaller charge than I ever used use. So I shall order them in case I have any need for shells this year. One bill for 50,000 is now in the Senate. But the dence fit is as I understand

this morning that august body
has tacked on to the Sundry
civil Bill items to the amount
of a million or so — and there
is no time for their consideration
when they go back to the
house. So if they adjourn to day
it may end in the bill not
being passed at all. Benner
of N. J. is here — wants to go
with the Exp. as Naturalist.
Miserable, misguided youth!
As if one melancholy example
was not enough. We took a
stroll into Va yesterday and
took an Acadian Flycatcher's
nest with 3 eggs, a Seiurus
ludovicianus the first I have
ever killed, and, remarkable as
the statement may appear to
you, I found a nest of the
Great Carolina — a beauty — in
a stump — with one egg — parent
identified beyond shadow of a
doubt. I note what you say
about your friend Brown and
his method, and with your
accustomed foresight you have
exactly hit the truth when you
say I will "hardly believe it." I
do not. Furthermore I beg leave
to state that, while it is your
undeniable priviledge to draw
comparisons unfavorable to
your self between your respective
abilities in the art taxidermic,
I must decline granting you any
such liberty as regards myself.

Orange N. J.
Aug 4/78

Dear Will:

Your last letter to hand & noted. You say the Cabinet will go in any door in your house but this one is a different thing still I think I can get it into my dining room some way or other & keep it there - There is no chance to get it up Stairs. Now I have a proposition to make about same - I do not care to lay out all cash on it, but I will give you $20 - and my Maynard Rifle & Shot barrel which Henry Purdie has keeping for me. As I have so little time for pleasure now I shall have

Bailey H. B
Aug. 4 - 1878

no use for it especially as I have the double barreled one I bought of you - It cost $45 and you can easily sell it for more than the difference (viz $15) between what you offer me the Cabinet for & the $20. I haven't the time to see about selling it or should be able to get more for it - Envy you the trip to Nantucket or anywhere out of the hot city - I ought to take a vacation but despair of being able to get away -

If you accept my proposition you had better send the Cabinet by outside line from Boston as I think it would be the cheapest way - Nothing new on here ornithologically that I hear of - Suppose you got some good things at home - such as Prairie Warblers - Solitary Vireos &c - Excuse writing but the thermometer has been about 100° today and a terrific thunder shower is coming up to pay for it. I remain with regards to Mrs B

Your friend

Harry

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AND
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

CABLE ADDRESS:
"SAXONIA," NEW YORK.

51 South Street,

New York, June 19 1880.

Dear Will -

Arrived home all right. not by Stonington Line! wasn't that terrible? On the way down a man came out to the Stage with a nice Duck Hawk which he wanted taken down to Bethel to be mounted by a lady there but I prevailed on him to let Mr Ryers on have it for you & must you received it in good order - Two young owls also which I did not know as you would like but thought best to send them along also. I told the man you would allow him what was right for them - He promises to get the eggs for me next year as he says they breed there every year & I have agreed to pay him well for his trouble - I took the five o'clock train from Bethel & reached Boston after two - unless they make better time on the other train they could not reach Boston before seven so to be safe I would take the early one. Bloom was in to see me yesterday they spent eleven days on Cobbs

H. B. Bailey - June 19 1880

Island - Found two sets of the large Tern of which they have the bird but have not had time yet to see if it is Caspian or Royal - They found Marsh Terns breeding along in the colonies of Wilson's Tern (as they suppose but haven't looked up yet to see if it is not Forster's) on the Sand Hills - so look out for them - They say you will no doubt be able to get as many eggs as you want as the birds are being robbed all the time - Get me a few nice sets of Oystercatcher, Skimmer Wilson's Plover + Marsh Terns after you have taken all you want for yourself - I am pretty sick of all these Cobb's Island things expecting to go there again some day which I do not if it will ever occur now. They found Boat tailed Grackles on Hog Island they should have second sets now - I have examined part of my Norwegian things + notice the nest of Certhia is almost exactly like those you got in Maine - Haven't had time to look up the particulars + see if it was placed the same. Excuse haste but we are very busy - It's quite comfortable here - not too hot. Your friend Harry.

How did you get moths out of your collection? I want to smoke all my nests so there will be insects in them after I get them in the new cabinet & forget what you said you used—

M. B. Bailey
Oct. 1870.

At Home Sunday

Friend Will.

Have not heard from you since you left the Lakes but presume you went to Cobbs & then back to the Lakes to follow out your programme so write to Upton trusting to find you — Well what did you do at Cobbs — Lots of eggs I suppose & did you get the eggs of the Caspian Tern — I have seen the eggs taken by Pearsall & Osborne & I am sure they are distinguishable from any Tern eggs I have ever seen — Did you get me a few spare sets? I am completely run out of all the Cobbs S. Things & of some have not even a decent set for my own coll. Do you ever see Cash around. I wrote him some time since but have had no answer nor in fact have I heard from

him since I left so presume he got disgusted with egg collecting & that I cannot look for much from him — What are Heywood's initials — I want to put it against the set of Golden eyed Ducks I got of him — I am looking for a new cabinet daily promised to me Oct 1 but you know carpenters of old — Then with the new Smith's list I shall go to work & get my things in shape — I know not where anything is now — Had a small lot of eggs from the W. I. among others nest & eggs of Phoniparva bicolor & will get more of them next season — Queer looking things — Eggs of Lawrence's new Thraupis or — & were it not for taking away another man's thunder could describe many new eggs — but I must be content with the eggs & give the finder the right to publish — Bennett tell me he did not see you when he was on — sorry for I would have liked to have had him see your yars collecting — No one has come up to you that I know of — Will you go South this Jan.? If so why can't you make it in your way to stop in Jersey & see me It's a long time since you have seen any of my truck — Spent Sept at the Seashore & suffered all the time from my old complaint Asthma & am only now getting to be my old self. Took advantage to look at the Brooklyn fellows coll's E. flaviventris nests beautiful! Why could not we have found some in Maine: With best regards

Your friend

Excuse haste & writing

Harry

H. B. BAILEY & Co.,
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CABLE ADDRESS:
"SAXONIA," NEW YORK.

51 South Street,
New York, Nov 20th 1880.

H. B. Bailey
Nov 20 1880

Dear Will:

I duly received your letter & thank you for the information about moths which I have not taken advantage of as my cabinet is "non est" still You have heard of Carpenters promises before. I saw Pearsall the other day & he says he is at work on the L. Caspia matter. I have seen both sets & I think they are good - they are not Royals - they look like a cross between a gull & Oyster Catchers Egg if you can imagine it - Sorry you did not do any thing more at Cobbs Island but you can't expect to take in every thing in one season - I should like a few sets of what you can spare as I am out of all those things - I suppose Allen has told you about my writing for the set of D. castanea that Dr Brewer borrowed of me to describe - did not give me credit for - & did not return to me - after considerable writing I got them & in addition the usual amount of tissue paper on them, as usual but they are better than none - I have just got a nest & set of Hooded warbler & Large billed Water Thrush which are good additions for me - Saw Lombard yesterday on his way back from Chicago & he reports Ruthven busy & making lots of money glad of it, always told him to get out of that beastly hole Boston & he would be all right. I hope you will get on here this winter - & bring Mrs B. (best regards to her) & make us a visit without fail - I want you to see my two young gsters - regular collectors soon

Brasall & Osborne are talking about next year's trip already – I say to them go to Illinois where you were as they want to get those southern warblers but often looking over my local lists they think N.E. Illinois à la Nelson is best – Don't you agree with me give them some advice as they are fine fellows – It's a long way ahead for me but still I am cogitating – go I shall, & in May & June – Bennett wants me to go with him to northern Minn & the Saskatchewan region – I may have to go to newfound land on "biz" if so shall go in May & take that locality in which won't be bad – & how is Henry I do wish he would come on here as I should like one intimate friend here – you of course are planted in Cambridge & there is no such thing as moving you besides there is no loadstone to attract you here – Sorry to hear about Cook as I was in hopes to get something from him thought something was up when I got no reply to my letters – Well so all these brilliant outlooks always turn out with me – an unlucky star to be born under, is the worst of all fates – Excuse writing & haste taking advantage of a rainy day to scribble this to you –

Yours
Harry

H. B. BAILEY & Co.,
SHIPPING AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

CABLE ADDRESS:
"SAXONIA," NEW YORK,

51 South Street,

New York, Aug 10 1881.

Dear Will:

I suppose we long you will be turning up from your Labrador trip with lots of rarities & I hope you will for it has been a sick old season with most of us. Henry will tell you about his ornithuck & every body else seems to be in the same boat. Let me hear from you when you have time. Regards to Mrs B. Of the list of Cobb & Land things you wrote me about I want: two or three sets of oyster Catcher & Fish Hawk. 6 sets of marsh Tern & 6 sets of Roosters 12 sets of Skimmer & 12 of Laughing Gull perhaps more of them all but I will write you later when I hear from you & what you have

In haste

Your friend

Henry

a set of seven Huddons Bay Sit was the only new thing last.

H. B. Bailey
Aug 10, 1881.

H. B. BAILEY & Co.,
SHIPPING AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

CABLE ADDRESS:
"SAXONIA," NEW YORK.

51 South Street,

New York, Oct 11th 1882.

Dear Will.

I was fortunate enough this summer to come into possession of a collection of eggs made in Georgia before the war by a Dr S. W. Wilson & otherwise from blowing most of them thro' the ends they are finely collected. Also have his note book giving very full notes on the species found by him - as so little authenticated of breeding notes has been given from that locality I shall write up a list for the "Bulletin" in hopes that it will spur up some one to go down there next year why don't you? Bachman's finch Dr Warbler Yellow throat warbler & other such rarities are found there - All his notes show his reliability & those on some species, Brown headed Nuthatch Crested Tit, Miss. Kite &c show him to have been a very careful observer. Now he gives full notes on the Owls & also says took one set of Acadian Owl 2 eggs which is all the bird would lay but as this is so far South I send them to you to ask if you will kindly compare them with the set you have - I don't see how he could have made the mistake as he is right in every other case but before giving this note I would like to get some confirmation of how their eggs compare - I send them by mail to day My collector in Nova Scotia took some nice things for me this year — Rusty Grackle they are typical eggs & nothing like Brewer's Blackbird I found them last year there but with young

Hudsons Bay Tit, Yellow bellied Fly catcher (now worth 50 & ca à la Maynard) Yellow rump Warbler Chestnut sided warbler (a beautiful nest so much handsomer than any from Mass) I think this is the first nest any of us have ever had from far north & I am glad to get it showing such a diff. from Mass nests. Am I right - A nest & set of Yellow Red Polls are beauties - cream colored otherwise something like Black third Green - beautiful nest on the ground - White third Sparrow Junco & Hermit Thrush a fine series altogether a finer lot of things than I took myself so this year was a good one to collect there - It brings me back to my old days again & I sigh for another chance to find Cape May & Tennessee warblers - Hoping Mrs B & yourself are well I am

Your friend
Harry B. Bailey

H. B. Bailey
Oct. 11, 1882

H. B. BAILEY & CO.,
SHIPPING AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

CABLE ADDRESS:
"SAXONIA," NEW YORK.

51 South Street,

New York, Nov 17th 1884

Dear Will:

Circumstances force me to sell my collection of eggs which I propose to do through an auctioneer in London - as you are aware I have many rare sets & I thought you might like some of them before packing them up & shipping.

If so, shall be glad to hear from you soon -

Yours truly
H. B. Bailey

Perhaps some of the other members might like some -

Have some fine sets of Hawks - White tailed Swainsons Harris' & set of Everglade Kite. Let me know what you lack - Also have some fine Woodpeckers - Pileated - Ivory billed &c & rare Warblers - Golden winged - Blue wing Yellow Yellow Red poll &c - set Yellow bellied Flycatcher

H. B. Bailey
Nov. 17, 1884

N. B. Bailey, Pg't.,

WHOLESALE GROCER.

AND DEALER IN

SHIP STORES, CHANDLERY AND FRESH MEATS.

Newport News, Va., June 21 1893

Dear Will:

I presume you will think the world is coming to an end from hearing from me but I have just happened to think you must know Gov. Russell very well & can do a favor for me. which I need very much. This place has all gone to smash 2000 men having left owing to the Shipyard not getting any contracts & what I am to do is a question of much moment — I have applied for position of Collector of Customs here which I could no doubt have gotten if I had gone to work at first but at that time I did not forsee this trouble — The race is

between Mr Stearns who is endorsed by the Congressman D. G. Tyler — & Dr Crafford who is endorsed by Senator Daniel & the fight is very bitter. It is just the chance for a dark horse & I can possibly slip in. I have splendid letters from the R. R & S. S. people here who are the ones vitally interested but you know political letters will go a long way further. I have asked for one from Senator McPherson of N. J. — & if Gov Russell would give me one I know it would have weight with Carlyle & Cleveland. Regarding my democracy everyone has known what it was but as you & Gov Russell do not I would say that — I voted first for S. J. Tilden & have worked at the polls & before election <u>ever</u> since in fact a worker from beginning & have never asked a favor of the party & should not now but for the hard times

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H. B. Bailey, Pg't.,

WHOLESALE GROCER.

AND DEALER IN

SHIP STORES, CHANDLERY AND FRESH MEATS.

Newport News, Va., _____ 189

I shall appreciate kindly, any thing you can do for me. & I need some thing to do very much – If times keep on as they are I shall have to sell some of my books & collections. Do you want to buy bird books? I will give you a list if you do.

I remain Yours sincerely

Harry B. Bailey.

I trust you will pardon my troubling you but I do it on our old friendship

Harry B. Bailey
June 21- 1893.

H. B. Bailey, Agent.
WHOLESALE GROCER
AND DEALER IN
SHIP STORES, CHANDLERY AND
FRESH MEATS.

H. B. Bailey
Aug. 17-1893.

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Newport News, Va., Aug 17th 1893

Dear Will:

I saw your cousin Mr Heywood when in Boston about ten days ago & he said he expected you to spend Sunday with him at Milton but that you were taken sick so I missed seeing you as I should have gone out to see him if you would be there. It is a longtime since I have seen you & changes are taking place all the time - This place has gone to the Dogs completely - I was doing very well here last year & started to build a house expecting the times would remain as good - we have paid for nearly all of it but want $1000 to pay off everything & owing to the money stringency here no one has it to advance even on $12000 worth of property - I have grown as grey as a badger worrying over things & expect to have to go away somewhere to make a living for my family - I am no longer a boy & places are scarce so who wants a man of 40 even if I can safely say I can work as hard as anyone now. If you hear of any position

that I could consistently take please let me know. I enclose a partial list of books if you can make some out. please return this list — you are better able to fix a price on those books than I am as I have no Catalogue here. I will make a further list when I hear from you — I have a fine copy also of Birds of Eastern Penn — Turnbull — The F & Stream is rare. I shall feel obliged if you will let me hear as soon as possible as I need money very badly — Yours in haste

H. W. Bailey

Newport News Va Nov 19/93.

Dear Will

I have Vols 1. 2 & 3 N.O.C. bound together in nice binding 4 & 5 N.O.C together – 6 & 7 together – 8 separately bound Auk Vols 1 to 4 bound separately & Vols 5. 6. 7 & 8 unbound – I presume these have a standard value, do you want them? if so I will send them on at once – There is a brighter prospect here as the Shipyard has secured several vessels to build but it will be several months before we will derive any benefit from it. I am in hopes business will pick up so I can pull thro' all right but it has been a hard struggle this summer. & I must raise some money shortly.

H. B. Bailey
Nov. 19 - 1893.

It seems strange that our house & land costing $12/13000 & all paid for excepting a mortgage of $2250 on the land (balance we did not pay) & we only want about $1000 to carry us for a year or so & it cannot be obtained but there is no money here - It seems strange some N.Y. or Boston people would not like it - Mr Woodward Secy of the John Hancock Life Ins Co told me when I was on at Boston that as soon as the money stringency was over I could easily get it, but when will this ever be!?

I hope you can take the stuff & N.O.C. - as I need $100 badly inside of two weeks.

Yours truly
H. B. Bailey.

At home
Excuse paper.

N. B. Bailey, Ag't.,

WHOLESALE GROCER.

AND DEALER IN

SHIP STORES, CHANDLERY AND FRESH MEATS.

Newport News. Va., Dec 8 1893.

Dear Will:

I shipped you a box of books by Adams Express which I trust will reach you safely — In addition to the N.O.C. Bulletin & auk I put in 5 bound vols. of Local Lists many of them rare. Birds of Northwest & Birds of Col. Valley which I presume are always saleable & rare now — Thanking you in advance for your trouble which I appreciate very much & I should not have troubled you but I am sadly in need of the money & did not dare send them to some booksellers as I would never know when the money would reach me.

Yours truly
Harry

Harry B. Bailey.
Dec. 8 - 1893.

H. B. Bailey, Agent.
WHOLESALE GROCER
AND DEALER IN
SHIP STORES, CHANDLERY AND FRESH MEATS.

Newport News, Va., Jan 2 1894

Dear Will:

Yours of 29th ult to hand & I beg to thank you for your interest in my behalf in disposing the books — I have no catalogue of prices of these pamphlets nor any way of finding out same. You must remember that I am in the woods virtually — All I can say to you is get the best price you can for all the books sent as I was forced to sell them & I dont believe any brother ornithologist would take advantage of me in my distress — The quicker I can get the money the better I will like it — I am glad to say that prospects look brighter here & I trust 1894 will be better than 1893. Thanking you sincerely for your trouble I am

Yours sincerely
Harry.

Harry Bailey.
Jany. 2nd 1894.

H. B. Bailey, Agent.
WHOLESALE GROCER
AND DEALER IN
SHIP STORES, CHANDLERY AND FRESH MEATS.

Newport News, Va., Jan 6 1894

Dear Will:

Yours of the 4th inst to hand & noted. I am willing to take 5.00 Vol for the bound pamphlets – and if you can get 25.00 for the set of N.O.C Bulletin that will be satisfactory – & I presume the Auk can be sold at its value also – I wrote before for you to do the best you could & I knew you will do so – If you can close them up at once & send me the money it will be appreciated – I don't know if the "Cones" works are hard to get now or not but I sent them along thinking you could get their value as there always used to be a demand for them – they are not very choice copies as I worked over them a good deal – anything you do will be appreciated by me & will be perfectly satisfactory I hope you will be able to get away to Trinidad & you should enjoy the trip

Bailey – H. B.
Jan. 6 – 1894

immensely – Why can't you take a run down here from Washington. It is only a nights sail by Washington boat to Old Point & electric car brings you over here in half an hour. It is a cheap trip too. I would be glad to see you it would brighten me up a bit –

Thanking you again for all your trouble which must have been very annoying to one so busy as you are

I am Your friend

Harry.

N. New. Jan 28/94

Dear Will:

Yours of 26th to hand & I beg to thank you again for your trouble with the books

I shall be glad to let the Birds - Col. Valley & Nwest go for $1 for the two - & also to hear Mr Phelps has taken the Auk & Bulletin — I hope you can get off on proposed trip to W. I. Have been ill two weeks with grip. Mrs B. had it 5 weeks - Excuse quill pen of my wife's & thick ink

Yours truly

Harry

I acknowledged [illegible] ok with thanks

Harry Bailey
Jany. 28 1894

H. B. Bailey, Agent
Wholesale Grocer
AND DEALER IN
SHIP STORES, CHANDLERY AND
FRESH MEATS.

Newport News, Va. Feb 17 1894

Wm Brewster Esq
Cambridge.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 11th inst to hand with money enclosed for the Cones works for which I am much obliged. Hoping you will have a successful trip to Trinidad

I am Yours truly
H. B. Bailey

H. B. Bailey.

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Form 37.
20751—D.

Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

Newport News, Va. June 5th 1906.

Dear Will:

You may not remember there ever was such a person in existance as the writer it is so many years since I had the pleasure of seeing you but it is the same old Riley - My son Harold has come home from California bought a farm up the river above us & is going into Chicken Pigeon & Stock raising besides a large fruit ranch He has always stuck to birds tho' I tried to get them all off on to insects plants &c as I thought I had done destruction enough to them but it was no so with him - He collected last winter off the San Blas Coast & has a nice series of Eggs of some of the Tropic birds &c but has not

Bailey - H. B.
June 5 - 06.

had time to unpack many of them. No doubt you would like some of them. I took two weeks vacation in May & went up on his farm to help him out so every day we took a tramp in the woods. I found I had not lost my grip altogether for I took Kentucky Warbler & Prairie Warbler nests & many others. Now I would like to get one more season collecting in Northern Me. & hear all my old friends songs once again - Perhaps some day I may. No doubt you have many of the Northern Warbler nests & eggs to spare if so would like to exchange with you as I know we could rely on them - You will remember I want the perfect & we keep part of the branch &c when first in October. Let me hear from you when you have time -

Yours truly,
H. B. Bailey

321 - 54th St.

Form 37.
20751—D.

Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

Newport News, Va. June 28. 1906.

Dear Will:

Was glad to hear from you but alas how times have changed & my dreams of Umbagog as of yore have been shattered - You must enjoy your farm very much; it has been a long time since I have shot any birds - We were having so much plowing done at the farm that birds were very abundant around there & of course we did not disturb them - Some Wild Turkeys were breeding & plenty of Bob Whites - Young rabbits grey & flying squirrels plenty & Sundays I have enjoyed sitting on the porch & listening to all the different songs - Of late years I have been devoting my spare time to flowers & have a very handsome garden I have a small greenhouse & raise fine begonias Lillies gloxinias &c My oldest son lives just above us & his

Bailey Harry B.
June 28, 06.

two children (girls) keep us busy answering questions &c. Now I should like to see you & Purdie — give my best regards to Henry & tell him I should like to get at him & plague him as I used to do — I lost the pair of glasses (years ago) he gave me when we were coming home from Nova Scotia & have never had to use any since — When you can conveniently do so I wish you would send me back the books you have of mine as my second boy will want them. Fortunately for the years past have not needed to dispose of them so they will be a pleasant reminder of old times when they reach me — If you should ever come down to Old Point in the winter you must come to see me. I am a regular Southerner now enjoy the Sunn so much could not stand the Cold North any more — With best regards

Your friend Harry B. Bailey

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20751—D.

Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

Newport News, Va. Mch 13. 07

Dear Will:

Yours to hand & I thank you very much for writing Dutcher; have not heard from him yet but hope it will result in something. You are going back to Ancient History when you ask about my first trip to Umbagog - all my dates &c are in my books at the Am. Museum of Nat History so all I can say is from memory. I think it was from Samuels that I got my first ideas of going there. He wrote considerable about Magalloway &c & my impression is he told me about the Lake House but possibly I may have heard about that when I reached Bethel. I know I was there some time before Ruthven but if I wrote him to come up it has escaped me. You know I did very little collecting of skins but when I struck

the Lake & found Juncos. White throat Sparrows Olive backed & Hermit Thrushes Yellow bellied Woodpeckers & sick breeding you can imagine I went crazy -
I know Ruthven arrived after me but if it was the first year or not I am not sure. He may remember the pretty waiter girl that I used to talk to evenings on the step; that he completely cut me out of after his arrival those were our young & joyous years there - I know I took Magnolia Warblers & Yellow rumps that first year but the Winter Wrens were too much for me & I don't think I found Water Thrushes until the year you came & we discovered the upturned roots mystery - I took Canada Fly catchers nest that first year but you were the first on Creepers behind bark - Bay breasted Warblers I did not take until my second year I

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Newport News, Va.

thinks - We have had a diabolical winter here & I am thankful it is nearly over - My Son is getting ready to plant many things & I am looking forward to many pleasant Sat pms & Sundays with him - Birds are particularly plenty on his place & we want to try & keep them so. We have several pairs of Car Wrens & Brown headed Nuthatches getting ready to start housekeeping - Has a Bald Eagles nest a few miles from home that he wants to pay another visit to when he gets time, in Feb it looked as tho' it was all ready but it may turn out a fake one as it did last year. Thanking you again & if there is anything you wish me to try & think up

about let me know & I will try & put on my thinking cap.

With best regards.

Yours truly

H. V. S. Pailey

Harold made two beautiful strings of Wild Fowl & shot on his own place this winter —

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Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

Newport News, Va., Feby 7. 1910.

Dear Will:

Have you ever gotten out the work on the Bird of Umbagog.? My Son is as duply interested as I was Nel (& in fact are now whenever I get a chance) & I would like to have a copy for him or any other of your publications which he says you have published several — We are trying to get a game bill thro' our legislature & if we do Harold is trying for the head of it. He has political influence & is endorsed by Dr Allen Chapman Palmer & many others of the Scientists — He is a fine (boy to me) young man 31 years & would fill it conscientiously — If you could write a recommendation it would do no harm.

My mother is very sick & we may have to come on to Boston; if so I should like to bring Harold out to see your collection & I would enjoy taking a peep at it myself to take me back to some of the good old days.

Yours sincerely.

Harry P. Bailey